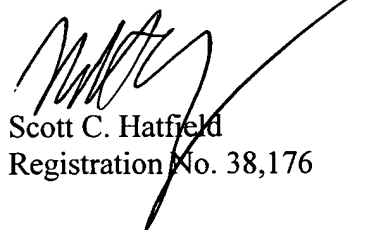


REMARKS

The Applicant sincerely appreciates the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action July 26, 2006. In particular, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication on page 6 of the Office Action that "Claims 7-8, 10-11, 13-14, 20-27, 29-35, 38, 40, and 45 are allowable", and the Examiner's indication on page 7 of the Office Action that "Claim 44 ... would be allowable if rewritten in independent form...." In response, the Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include all recitations of Claim 44 (which has been indicated allowable); and the Applicant has cancelled Claims 36, 37, 39, 43, and 44.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that all claims in the present application have been placed in a condition indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone should any additional issues need to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



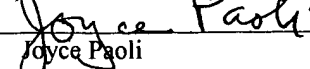
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